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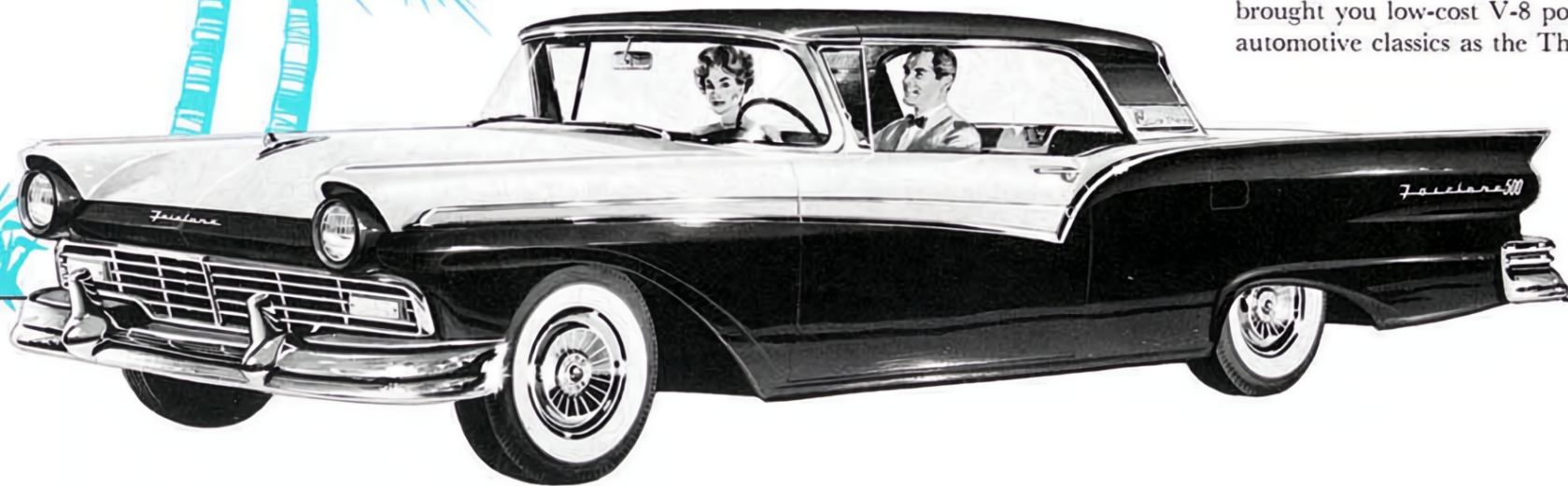


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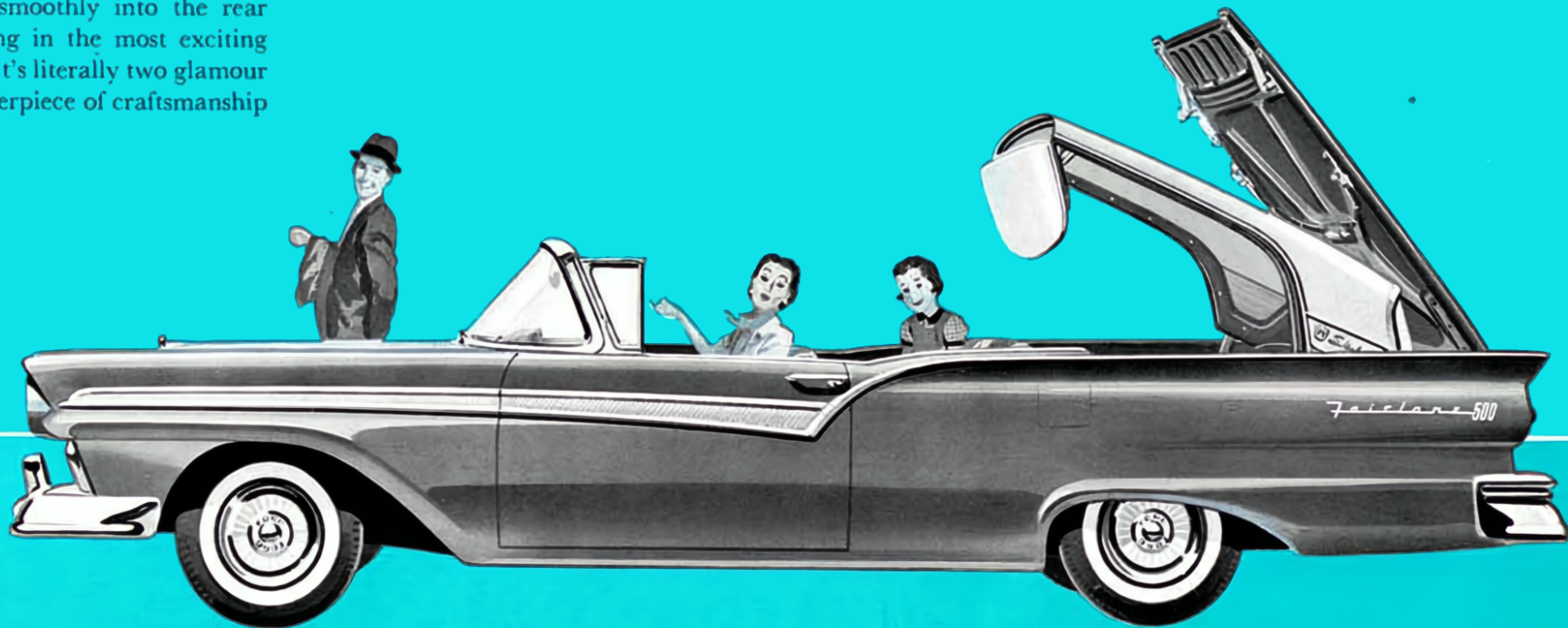
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Just touch a button . . . in less than a minute the all-steel hardtop vanishes smoothly into the rear deck . . . and you're sitting in the most exciting convertible under the sun! It's literally two glamour cars in one . . . each a masterpiece of craftsmanship and distinction!



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The Skyliner represents the beginning of a new era in automotive design. This *newest* new kind of Ford introduces to the motoring public the most dramatic idea in automobile design since Ford presented the first 2-door sedan in 1915. And remember, the same patient research, planning and testing that went into the Skyliner, goes into *every* model of the new kind of Ford for 1957.

Spacious styling with handsome appointments



Lovely to look at, the Skyliner is a full 3 inches longer than other Fairlane 500 models . . . already the longest cars in the low-price field! This additional length is evident in the longer, low-line silhouette of the rear deck area—a smooth expanse of metal that comes right up to the rear seat! There's space galore to let you and your guests ride in comfort and luxury. And you'll find distinctive touches in the details, too, with such refinements as special visors, curved to fit windshield and header, special Airweave vinyl interiors, and unique two-tone instrument panel.

Choose from five richly textured, all-vinyl Luxury Lounge interiors. All-vinyl means extra durability. And these special new Airweave color-matched upholsteries are designed to give "sea-breeze" riding comfort regardless of outside temperature. All are combined with tasteful, harmonizing trim.



Top up, you'll find a vast "cavern" of luggage space, actually enough room to store all your gear for a day at the beach or a cross-country trip!



Top down, there's plenty of room for week-end luggage in this protected metal storage area.

Precision Engineered

Designed to function with precision accuracy, the Skyliner's automatic operating top has been cycle-tested, continuously without fail, enough times to equal ten years of normal service. The top-operating system is driven by seven specially designed, high-efficiency motors which are sealed and permanently lubricated. All are protected by circuit breakers.

The top operation is simplicity itself and completely automatic: first, after the dash control knob is pulled out to lower the top, the rear deck lid unlocks and rises to the "up" position. Next, the top unlocks from the body and windshield header and begins to move upward and back. As the top moves, its forward section folds down and back to enable top to fit into trunk. The top continues its backward movement into the trunk. Here it comes to rest snugly on cushioning pads. Rear deck lid closes and locks itself tight. Entire sequence is reversed for converting back to hardtop. Transformation time is from 48 to 55 seconds.

SPECIFICATIONS

Skyliner Exteriors: 12 new colors available in Single Color, 13 new colors in Two Tone and Style Tone combinations.

Interior Styling: Five all-vinyl Luxury Lounge interiors featuring new Airweave "breathable" vinyl seat upholstery. Interiors are color-keyed to body colors.

Engines: 212-hp Thunderbird 292 V-8—292-cu. in. displacement; 3.75" bore x 3.30" stroke; 9.1 to 1 compression ratio; 2-venturi carburetor; single exhaust; regular fuel.

245-hp Thunderbird 312 Special V-8 (opt.)—312-cu. in. displacement; 3.80" bore x 3.44" stroke; 9.7 to 1 compression ratio; premium fuel; 4-venturi carburetor; dual exhausts.

300-hp Thunderbird 312 Supercharged V-8 (opt.)—312-cu. in. displacement; 3.80" bore x 3.44" stroke; 8.5 to 1 compression ratio. Centrifugal-type supercharger with automatic ball-driven variable speed blower control, engine-lubricated, dual V-belt drive. Sealed, 4-venturi carburetor; premium fuel; dual exhausts.

All above engines are available with all transmissions.

Chassis: Frame—wide-contoured design with X-member. **Front suspension**—4-way, ball-joint type, one-piece stabilizer, double-acting shock absorbers, tailored-to-model coil springs. **Rear suspension**—6-leaf, semi-elliptic, variable-rate type; tension shackles; angle-mounted, double-acting shock absorbers. **Deep-offset hypoid rear**

axle—straddle-mounted pinion gear. Gear ratios (to 1): with Conventional Drive, 3.89 std., 4.11 optional; with Overdrive, 4.11 std.; with Fordomatic, 3.56 std. **Hotchkiss drive**—tapered drive line, needle-bearing universal joints. **Brakes**—11", double-sealed, duo-servo design; 191-sq. in. lining area. **Clutch and transmissions**—semi-centrifugal clutch with suspended pedal; 3-speed Conventional Drive; Overdrive with automatic 4th gear; water-cooled Fordomatic with illuminated selector quadrant. **Steering**—symmetrical linkage, worm and triple-tooth gear mechanism; 27 to 1 over-all ratio; 17½", 3-spoke steering wheel; 40-ft. turning diameter. **Tires**—8.00 x 14 tubeless; new 5½" safety-type rims; spare tire stows flat beneath trunk tire-well cover. **Fuel tank**—18-gal. capacity; filler tube in left rear fender. **Dimensions**—118" wheelbase; 59.0" front, 56.4" rear treads; over-all length, 210.8"; design height, 56.3".

Other Available Equipment: Lifeguard padded instrument panel and cushioned sun visors, Ford front and rear seat belts. 4-Way Power Seat, Swift Sure Power Brakes, Master-Guide Power Steering, Power-Lift Windows. I-Rest tinted safety glass. Fordomatic, Overdrive, SelectAire or PolarAire Conditioner for models with V-8 engines only (except 300 hp), white sidewall tires, special fuel and vacuum pump unit for positive-action windshield wipers.

Prices: All Power Assists and Accessories as well as some items illustrated or referred to herein are at extra cost. For the price of the Skyliner with the equipment you desire, see your Ford Dealer.

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